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SUBJECT: WEEKLY STATUS REPORT - JAPAN AUGUST 11, 1977

TO: EA - MR. HOLBROOKE

FROM: EA/J - NICHOLAS PLATT

### 1. DSS-125 (SECRET)

WE ARE STILL ENGAGED IN KEEPING THE DSS-125 (SOPHISTICATED  
DEEP SEA SEARCH EQUIPMENT) OUT OF THE HANDS OF ITS  
SOVIET PURCHASERS. EMBASSY EFFORTS HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL  
SO FAR, BUT NEC (THE JAPANESE FIRM INVOLVED) IS PRESSING  
FOR COMPENSATION SHOULD IT INCUR CONTRACT LOSSES AND FOR  
SUITABLE SUBSTITUTE EQUIPMENT TO OFFER THEIR SOVIET  
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CUSTOMER. IT LOOKS LIKE RESOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM WILL  
NOW DEPEND ON HOW FAR THE NAVY IS WILLING TO GO TO TAKE  
CARE OF NEC'S PROBLEMS.

### 2. US-SOVIET BERING SEA BOUNDARY DISPUTE (CONFIDENTIAL)

THE SOVIETS HAVE BOARDED AND FINED FOUR OR FIVE JAPANESE

FISHING VESSELS IN AN AREA IN THE BERING SEA WHICH MAY

MAY BECOME THE SOURCE OF A BOUNDARY DISPUTE BETWEEN THE US AND THE USSR. THE JAPANESE HAVE NOT APPROACHED US, AND FOR THE TIME BEING THE PROBLEM IS BETWEEN THE GOJ AND THE USSR ALTHOUGH THE QUESTION OF OUR RIGHT TO PERMIT FISHERIES IN OUR 200 MILE ZONE COMES INTO PLAY. NO KOREAN SHIPS ARE IN THE AREA ACCORDING TO THE COAST GUARD.

WE USE THE GREAT CIRCLE LINE OF THE CONVENTION OF 1867 IN DRAWING THE BOUNDARY. OUR GUESS IS THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE DRAWN A STRAIGHT LINE FROM THE COORDINATES OF THE CONVENTION OF 1867 (64 06' W, 172 W TO 53 43' W, 170 16'E). THE DISPUTED AREA AMOUNTS TO SOME 10,000 SQUARE MILES, AND IS 30 MILES ACROSS AT ITS BROADEST POINT.

BUREAUCRATICALLY, THE SOVIET DESK, L, AND OES WILL COORDINATE ON INSTRUCTIONS TO THE COAST GUARD AND ON AN APPROPRIATE NOTE TO THE SOVIETS.

3. KIM JAE KWON (CONFIDENTIAL)

THE FBI HAS INFORMED US THAT THEY INTERVIEWED KIM JAE KWON (ROK MINISTER IN TOKYO AT THE TIME OF THE ABDUCTION OF KIM DAE JUNG) AT HIS CALIFORNIA RESIDENCE ON AUGUST 2.

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HE INFORMED THE FBI THAT HE CAN SEE NO REASON FOR AN INTERVIEW OF HIM BY JAPANESE AUTHORITIES. HE HAS NO OBJECTION TO SPEAKING WITH THE JAPANESE BUT WILL NOT DO SO IN THE UNITED STATES. HE AND HIS FAMILY ARE ATTEMPTING TO ESTABLISH A NEW LIFE IN THE UNITED STATES. ANY SUCH INTERVIEW WOULD DRAW ATTENTION AND PUBLICITY TO HIMSELF WHICH HE IS TRYING TO AVOID.

I HAVE BRIEFED THE JAPANESE EMBASSY (FUJII) INFORMALLY ON THE RESULTS OF THE FBI INTERVIEW WITH KIM. WE ARE NOW WORKING ON A FORMAL RESPONSE AND PRESS GUIDANCE. CHRISTOPHER

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